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In response to the requirement in the Notice of Allowability for a new oath or declaration, Applicants respectfully call attention to the notice issued by the Director of

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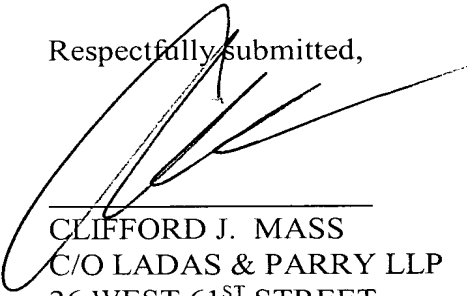
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the USPTO on November 22, 2008, wherein the Director *sua sponte* waived the express language requirement of 37 CFR 1.63(b)(3) where, as here, the oath or declaration was filed prior to June 1, 2008. The notice expressly states that the language used in the declaration filed herein ("in accordance with 1.56(a)") will be accepted as acknowledging the applicants's duty of disclosure as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

Accordingly, the requirement in the Notice of Allowability is respectfully traversed and the applicants request withdrawal thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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